

status are proceeding, but thus far there is no sign of any settlement of the questions at issue.

#### FOG AND SUBMARINES COMBINE AGAINST SHIPPING

LONDON, August 13.—Fog today combined with German submarines to impose additional losses on British and neutral shipping in the war zone. Two steamers, one Swedish and one Danish, bound from Philadelphia for Copenhagen, ran ashore on the English coast, and it is believed will be total losses. Four steamers, one a neutral, a fishing smack and three trawlers were sunk by submarines.

The steamer Kiruna, of 12,638 tons, ran ashore during a fog in Pentland Firth, a dangerous passage between Scotland and the Orkney Islands. It is reported she will be a total wreck. She has been abandoned by her crew of thirty-six, who have been landed at Wick. The Danish steamer Danla also ran ashore, and is beating to pieces near the Gulf of Eday, in the Orkneys. The vessel is reported hard aground, and it is doubtful that she can be salvaged.

The four steamers sunk by submarines were the Norwegian ship Aura and the British vessels Oprey, Sumnerfield and Jacana. It is feared the entire crew of the Aura has been lost. The engineer, mate and the latter's wife were drowned when the Sumnerfield foundered. The crew of the Oprey and nine men from the Jacana were landed.

The fishing smack Humphrey was sunk in the North Sea. Her crew was saved. Twelve trawlers were also sent down by submarines. Their crews were saved. Twelve men out of one of them, the Thrush, out of Grimsby, were in open boats from Monday until Thursday.

#### SERBIA IS EXPECTED TO GIVE FLAT REFUSAL

LONDON, August 12 (delayed by censor).—There are strong indications that Serbia will give a flat refusal to the demands announced by the Bulgarian Premier, Vassil Radolovich, three weeks ago, and that the hopes of the entente allies of bringing Bulgaria into the alliance will come to naught, according to some diplomats here. Serbia's formal reply has not yet been given, but those best posted say Bulgaria's demands far exceed anything that Serbia could possibly yield.

The outcome is being watched with the keenest interest by the chancelleries throughout Europe, as Bulgaria is the chief obstacle to united action by the Balkan states.

Bulgaria contends that by a treaty with Serbia the latter ceded to Bulgaria about 7,000 square kilometers of Macedonia, which Bulgaria was compelled by the great powers to relinquish during her enforced condition after the second Balkan War. Bulgaria now insists that the original treaty be carried out, and that unless she secures the return of Macedonia she will refuse to join the other Balkan states in assisting the allies.

#### AUSTRIANS FIND GATE TO ITALY IS BARRED

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) MILAN, August 12.—A bold attempt was recently made by the Austrians to force one of the gates into Italy by the march of a small detachment over the Val Fura glacier and the Vioz Pass at a height of about 3,500 yards, where they were driven back by Alpine troops. But a second attempt now has been made, and the result is in the official bulletin. In this latter attack the Austrians were repulsed, although assault was made at night, and they evidently expected to surprise the Italians on guard. Not only did the Italian troops drive off the attackers, but in the consequent pursuit they established themselves in new positions at Forno which belongs to the Italian group, consisting of some sixty glaciers along a distance of about five miles.

Even if they had succeeded the Austrians could not hope to derive any great advantage from such a movement, as the reconnaissance could not be followed by the bulk of any large masses of troops.

This only proves that all the passes into Italy are well protected. Progress of the Italian troops continues in the valleys of Ansel and Violeda in Cadore, where the forward movement was begun more than a week ago. In the latest skirmish forty of the Austrian Alpine troops were captured.

#### APPEAL STAYS ON PEACE MISSION

(Continued from First Page.) that courtesies be extended to the visiting diplomat. It was understood tonight that all of the European governments directly interested in Mexico had been apprised informally concerning the peace plan and had given their approval, recognizing only the right to press any legitimate claims they might have against Mexico when a permanent government is established.

#### SEARCH FOR MEXICAN RAIDERS CONTINUES

BROWNVILLE, TENN., August 13.—Search for a band of about thirty Mexicans, some of them known to be deserters from Mexico, proceeded tonight in the meadow brush about fifty miles north of Brownsville. Meanwhile, 1,600 United States cavalrymen and 1,000 infantrymen, on patrol duty between Brownsville and Laredo, Tex., and peace officers used a swift and effective type of border movement, which rapidly ran down fugitive Mexicans or had records who are accused in connection with recent raids.

The Mexican raiders, north of Brownsville are the only ones still undisturbed. The band consists of about half of those who attacked the Nolan ranch house on Sunday night. Its members include men alleged to have read aloud a proclamation announcing that they were attempting to conquer a part of Texas. At least thirty-five of the original members of this band came from the Mexican side, say officers here.

There is no apprehension here as to what the Mexicans may do in raids, but as to the truth of reports that in case of any repetition of the American landing at Vera Cruz an attempt will be made by Carranza troops in Matamoros to sack Brownsville in reprisal. Efforts will be made to obtain more troops to protect the city.

#### AROUSES SUSPICION

Although the number of Mexicans killed in the raids is given officially as between fifteen and twenty, it is known that many more have been killed. As long as the Texas communities are being day and night under the guard of United States Army rifles, ranger and

peace officers regard with instant suspicion any Mexican who is caught armed. So thoroughly has the rangers' search been that there is reason to believe nearly all of the marauders have been driven out of the Brownsville section as far as running down clues to identify the raiding Mexicans. It can be said on good authority that one of the clues indicates that some Mexicans in the interior of Coahuila brought word in advance to their compatriots in Texas that the recent outbreak was about to occur. There was evidence also that some of the principal leaders of the band had gone back into Mexico.

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#### MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ARE BACK OF TEXAS RAIDS

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., August 13.—Constituted authorities in Mexico, Carranza followers, are responsible for the bandit outrages in the lower Rio Grande country, according to the verdict of a committee of prominent citizens, headed by Congressman John H. Garner, who made a report to Governor Ferguson and Major-General Frederick Funston, commanding the Southern Department, here to-day.

Mr. Garner, speaking for the committee, said business men along the border believe that the constituted Mexican authorities are prepared to launch a movement of armed men into Texas in the event American troops are landed in Vera Cruz.

The committee, headed by Mexicans in Northern Mexico available for immediate use in case orders are given to attempt to carry out the plan of San Diego, said Mr. Garner, "would enable the Mexicans to brush aside the troops at present guarding the border and penetrate a considerable distance into Texas. Of course, they would be defeated and driven back, but before sufficient American troops could be sent into the border country the Mexicans would have destroyed valuable American life and property."

#### POSSES ARE CLOSING IN ON MEXICANS

BROWNVILLE, TENN., August 13.—Twenty men crossed the Rio Grande from Mexico to-night near Mercedes. Twenty men crossed the Rio Grande from here. American officers, warned that such a crossing would be attempted, had disposed armed posses at several points where the attack was expected. Late to-night three of these posses were closing in on the Mexicans, expecting to surround them.

#### GRAND JURY HOLDS CHIEF HENDERSON

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In which Porter is involved by the indictment, have not been made public, but they are understood to relate to the prosecution of an Italian countryman, the accused was acquitted at the preliminary hearing before a magistrate, and was later rearrested, charged with carrying concealed weapons. The grand jury will be called upon to investigate certain details in connection with the acquittal on the murder charge.

#### CHARGE PULLMAN SOUGHT "PROTECTION" FOR GAMBLERS

In the first indictment against Pullman, the magistrate is alleged to have offered \$5,000 to bribe the head of the form of a "salary" of \$100 a month, provided he would permit him to subvert to molest a certain gambling house, which it was proposed to establish at Hopewell. The plan was to have the authorities raid every other place of similar character, leaving this "protected" place the only one safe from molestation.

A bribe of \$50, offered by Pullman to A. A. Macdonald, Supervisor Reeve's acting chief, and the head of the Du Pont force, detailed to preserve order in the town of Hopewell, under instructions from Judge West, is set forth in the second indictment against the magistrate. These offers are alleged to have been made last April, several months before Judge West appointed the local police force, which he removed from office ten days ago, and while the Du Pont men were in charge of the situation in the town.

#### NEW ALLEGATIONS ARE BROUGHT AGAINST REEVE

The indictment against Reeve, who was one of the leading Italian in the town and an associate of Chief Henderson, was indicted on entirely different accusations from the one on which he was held for the action of the grand jury. One presentation sets forth that Reeve offered a bribe of \$25,000 to Officer E. L. Miraglia, of the Du Pont force, provided the prosecution of one Carmine Battista, arrested for selling liquor, was dropped. The second count alleges that a similar amount was offered Officer J. M. Dallas, also a Du Pont man, as well as to Miraglia in the same case. The second indictment against the cabinet proprietor, is of practically the same import, the only difference being that it is charged that the first count that Officer Dallas was offered a bribe of \$25,000 to drop the prosecution against Battista.

The dates of the offenses charged to Reeve are given as July 24 and July 25, only ten days before Judge West took the drastic action to "clean up" Hopewell. At that time, Governor Stuart had his personal representative, J. R. Driver, on the ground. Judge West had two representatives of his court there, and there were also a number of Baldwin detective gathering evidence. All were working in harmony with the Du Pont force in "getting the room" out of the town.

#### SATISFIED ACCEPTED \$25,000 FROM HOPWELL MERCHANT

Former Policeman Saffer, who was taken into custody on Thursday afternoon, charged with receiving \$25,000 from John Lennon, a merchant, for permitting the latter's place of business to remain open on Sunday, was indicted on this charge. Saffer was brought to the courthouse this morning by officers Miraglia, Dallas and Green. Following his indictment, the court fixed his bond at \$25,000, but he was unable to find bondmen. John P. Goodman, attorney of Hopewell, had offered him \$25,000 along with three other men

from Hopewell, but when the time came to sign the bond, the accused was left in the lurch, and was committed to jail.

H. W. Pollard, a former policeman, whose home is in Richmond, is held on an indictment, which alleges that he accepted \$10 from Samuel Greenstone, a pool-room proprietor, and in turn promised to "protect" Greenstone's place. The money is said to have been delivered to Pollard by Ida Reynolds, a young white woman, who is regarded as a valuable witness for the Commonwealth. Greenstone and Mrs. Reynolds were the principal witnesses before the grand jury in the Pollard case.

Of the five men charged with felonies, Saffer is the only one who languishes in jail. Pollard, Porter and Beckett are out on bail, the last two being held in sums of \$5,000 each. Pollard under a bond of \$1,000. Former Chief Henderson is also out on \$5,000 bail, having been held for the action of the grand jury in connection with the acceptance of \$10 as a bribe of the "attorney's fee" in a murder case, the defendant in which was acquitted.

#### ROAD-HOUSE PROPRIETORS CONDUCTED PLACES OPENLY

Jack Craig and C. Parriss, proprietors of road houses half way between Petersburg and Hopewell, were the first offenders reported by the grand jury when it resumed its sessions this morning after a recess since Monday. These proprietors have been run wide open, both for the sale of liquor and beer, as well as disorderly resorts for women.

Among those held under the indictments charging the operation of gambling resorts, is A. Blumberg, secretary of the Business Men's Association of Hopewell. The others are O. Benzena, D. C. Guveratla, H. C. Roberts, Emanuel Clanel, J. Beskin, H. B. Kln, and Mike Ridgway. These presentments were made on the testimony of Officers Miraglia and Dallas.

Judge West adjourned court at 6:30 o'clock until 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. The session of the grand jury to-day probably will be concluded by 3 o'clock, when a recess will be taken until Tuesday. It is probable that the jury may continue several days next week, as there is a great mass of evidence yet to be considered.

The grand jury is not near through with the bribery and graft cases, while only three of the more than 100 cases of illicit sale of intoxicants have been touched. Only a fair share has been made in hearing the evidence of gambling operations.

#### WISE WELL SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS OF PROBE

Special Prosecutor Wise, before returning to his home in Richmond to-night, said the progress had been made in the investigation, but that there were so many different angles of lawlessness at Hopewell to consider that much time had been consumed in sorting out the Commonwealth's Attorney's files and Mr. Wise had put on ten days of strenuous labor, getting evidence in shape for the grand jury, but they express the determination of the law of the Commonwealth to see that the investigation concludes.

When court reconvenes next Tuesday, Mr. Wilson, attorney for Porter, West, and the other defendants, charged with the Commonwealth to furnish the defense with a bill of particulars concerning the charges against Porter. Prosecutor Wise, when this subject was broached in court this afternoon, declared that such a motion was a new move in criminal practice to him, and Judge West concurred in the opinion. However, Mr. Wilson stated that he had authorities to support his contention.

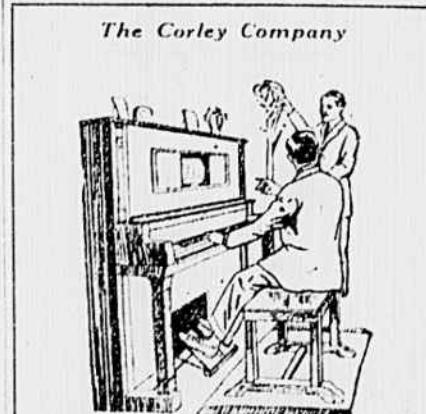
Prince George Courthouse, with its three or four buildings, the county seat of a county more than 200 years old, is seeing its liveliest days since it was built. The jail, the court house, the courthouse, is filled to overflowing with prisoners, all of whom were sent up from Hopewell, charged with offenses ranging from murder to petty larceny. The jail, the courthouse, a short distance from the jail, is being utilized for the detention of the female prisoners, two negro women, one held for the murder of another colored woman, being confined therein.

#### WEDDING CAUSES DELAY IN COURT PROCEEDINGS

There was one break in the routine of the investigation to-day, which caused a delay of ten or fifteen minutes in the rendering of court this afternoon. A seven-passenger automobile drove up to the courthouse and inquiries were made for the county clerk. It being stated that a marriage license was desired as well as a minister, Clerk Temple and the other court officers were at dinner, but all soon put in an appearance, and the necessary papers were secured.

The bride's name was given as Pauline Bickendorf, widow of Hopewell. She is the owner of the German cabinet, one of the best-known resorts in the town. G. A. Terry, of the powder plant town, who formerly resided in New York, was the groom. Rev. C. O. Pardo, a Presbyterian minister who conducts service at Hopewell, was present, but he had no qualification to perform marriage ceremonies by executing the bond. Judge West had granted him the necessary permission some time ago, but the occasion had never presented itself to the young clergyman to officiate, so the judge gave him a few pointers as to the ceremony. T. W. Birchett became Mr. Pardo's surety, and then the couple made oblation to being married before the throng of witnesses and sitting on the courthouse green. The result was that they motored to the little church, a short distance from the courthouse, where the nuptial knot was tied.

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## GERMAN DRIVE ON RIGA STRIKES IRON DEFENSE

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### SEVERAL SUCCESSES CLAIMED

Kaiser's Forces Capture Siedlee and Sokolow, and Are Rapidly Closing Up Gap Through Which Retreating Army Had Hoped to Escape.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)

LONDON, August 13.—While the Germans continue to make rapid progress in the Baltic provinces and Southern Poland are meeting with stubborn resistance, and in places they have been forced to give ground.

The operations in the northern provinces is indicated by the fact that direct command. The German drive on Riga has struck an iron defense, and to an official statement issued in Petrograd to-night. The Russians claim to have forced back the Germans in the region of Jacobstadt, on the Dvina, and in the direction of Dvinsk and Vilkomir. This statement was the first indication that the Germans had succeeded in pressing so close to a violent attack on Jacobstadt, an important town.

### IMPERS RUSSIAN ARMY RETREATING FROM RIGA

Quick progress by Prince Leopold's army has resulted in the capture by the Germans of Siedlee and Sokolow, east of Warsaw. Sokolow is the railroad center on which the Russians fell back when they were forced to give up the Polish capital, and they had been expected to make a stand there. The occupation of Sokolow, north of Siedlee, imperils the Russian army retreating from the Bug, along which they held the Germans for some days. A German force already has occupied Busk, north of Sokolow, and the two forces are advancing to meet each other and close the last path of escape to the Russians. The number of the czar's troops which face the danger of being surrounded are variously estimated at from 30,000 to 100,000 men.

Rival claims are received from Berlin and Petrograd regarding the fighting before Kovno, the fortress which bars the German advance on Vilna and guards the northern wing of the Russian second line of defense. The German War Office, in an official statement, reports progress for Von Hindenburg's operations against the Russians, but Petrograd says that the Germans have temporarily abandoned their infantry attacks, although a violent bombardment of the works continues.

### PREPARING FOR ATTACK FOR SEVERAL WEEKS

Private dispatches received here relate that the great German army, which has taken to their preparations to crush Kovno, a vital point to the success of their campaign. For several weeks they have been preparing for an attack on the fortress, according to the stories of refugees. They first brought up a great quantity of structural material, building paved roads for a long distance to the west to expedite the work. They then dug foundations fifteen feet deep for mortar, taking elaborate pains with the concrete foundations. Then the big guns were brought up and the hammering began. The principal German operations are being conducted from the village of Pile, across the Niemen, six miles from the inner works of Kovno, which are commanded by the German batteries.

It is believed in military circles that Kovno cannot hold out much longer. The attack has cost the Germans enormous losses, and it is believed they are effecting their objective before launching the final attack.

Von Mackensen is meeting strong resistance in his drive northward on Brest-Litovsk, and his progress is being measured in feet and inches. He is about thirty miles from the fortress on a front extending from a point north of Wladawa to north of Barzecz. Violent counterattacks are costing the Russians heavy losses, but appear to be effecting their object. The German forces are withdrawn safely behind their forts.

German progress between the Narva and the Bug is described as steady as a steady breaking down, section by

## Grand Duke's Trap Springs on Germans

LONDON, August 14.—Several German army groups have fallen into the trap of Grand Duke Nicholas, and are in the gravest danger, says the Daily Telegraph's Petrograd correspondent. The correspondent declares that between the Dvina and Niemen Rivers the Russians have cut through the German lines separating the German armies operating around Poneviesch and Vilko Mir.

"The latter army is in a dangerous state, and executing a frantic retreat," he says, "in an effort to extricate itself and either reconnect with the Poneviesch group or join hands with the troops operating around Kovno."

"The German army operating in the vicinity of Poneviesch also is in dangerous position, with its right flank exposed to a Russian attack, which could only have the most serious results."

section," of the Russian defense. Petrograd reports counterattacks which successfully allowed the forces further back to make good their retreat on prepared positions.

## AMUSEMENTS

### Theda Bara at the Isis.

Supported by William Shay and Stuart Holmes, Theda Bara will be seen at the Isis to-day in the lurid though powerful photoplay, "The Clemenceau Case." The novel itself wasn't pretty; that is, it wasn't a nursery tale, and Theda Bara doesn't soften it into juvenility. In short, "The Clemenceau Case" is for adults only.

### Marguerite Clark at Little Theater.

Marguerite Clark will be seen at the Little Theater in "Seven Sisters" for the last time to-day. To this production, it is said, belongs the distinction of having been shown to the largest audience in the history of the house. It would seem that Marguerite Clark is giving Little Mary a run for her money. Underlined for presentation at the Little Theater on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week is Ina Claire in "The Puppet Crown," the second of Harold McGrath's romances to be filmed, the first having been "The Goose Girl," in which Marguerite Clark was seen. Carole Blackwell will play the hero.

### "The District Attorney" at Colonial.

An excellent photoplay, well written and well acted, "The District Attorney," the Colonial's feature for the last two days of the week. Dealing with a gang of political corruptionists, the story is plausible as well as ingenious. An interesting turn is given the plot by the circumstance that the district attorney is the son-in-law of the principal grafter. George Soule Spencer, who plays the district attorney, is one of the most popular of the movie actors, and he is supported by a large company, including Dorothy Bernard and others. The Pathe News is unusually interesting. Next Monday and Tuesday the Colonial will present William Cagney in his first screen play, "The Right of Way."

### GALE ON COAST OF JAMAICA

Considerable Damage Done to Banana and Beet Plantations.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, August 13.—A fifty-mile gale over the northeast and north coast of Jamaica caused considerable damage to-day. The greatest harm was done to banana and beet plantations in the eastern sections. Communication has been interrupted, and the extent of the loss has not been ascertained. A few small vessels were destroyed, but so far as known, there were no casualties.

### Warned of Cyclone.

HAVANA, August 13.—Owing to reports of the approach of a cyclone, the captain of the port to-day closed the port to outgoing vessels. The indications, however, are that Havana will not be touched, but that possibly some damage may be done at Pinar Del Rio.

## HOSPITALS REFUSE TO ADMIT HOPWELL WOMAN

Turn Down Applicant Brought to City by Du Pont Company Employee.

A woman, who physicians here said had suffered at the hands of another doctor, came to Richmond from Hopewell last night and knocked on the doors of the Virginia Hospital and the Memorial for admittance. At both she was denied.

The woman gave her name as Mrs. W. L. Loflin, and a card she bore disclosed the fact that she and her husband operate an open-air restaurant and a poolroom "under the big tree" at Hopewell. She is about twenty-seven years of age.

Mrs. Loflin was brought to Richmond in an automobile by B. E. Wilkins, an employee of the Du Pont Powder Works. He satisfied Detective Sergeant Wiltshire that he was honorable in his effort, and displayed his badge No. 4874. When admittance to the hospital was denied, Wilkins said that he would take Mrs. Loflin to Petersburg, and drove away.

The Virginia Hospital has been forced recently to refuse the application of several people from Hopewell. This hospital is owned by the city, and maintained for the people of Richmond solely. It was said last night, but the idea has gone abroad that it is open to people from everywhere in the State. The Memorial Hospital, founded for charity's sake, derives funds from State, city and private sources.

## STATEMENT PRESAGES CONTRABAND COTTON

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do not object to its going to neutral countries, but we, in fact, are anxious that it should go in order that there shall be minimum inconveniences to the neutrals concerned.

"It is obvious what the loss of German and Austrian markets will mean to American cotton growers. We fully realize that if there is no German and Austrian outlet prices may go down, and that Americans will suffer. Some means are devised for compensation. Proposals in that direction have been made, and are receiving careful consideration. What will come of them I cannot say at this time. I hope America will not be impatient, but will rest assured that the governments of the allies will give every consideration to the legitimate interests of all neutrals."

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